

Breast Histology Coding Rules – Text
C500-C509
(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia M9590-9989 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

Rule H11 Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H12 Code the most **specific** histologic **term** when the diagnosis is:

- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and a more specific adenocarcinoma or
- Duct carcinoma, NOS (8500) and a more specific duct carcinoma (8022, 8035, 8501-8508) or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, with ____ differentiation. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.

Rule H13 Code **8530** (inflammatory carcinoma) only when the final diagnosis of the **pathology** report specifically **states inflammatory carcinoma**.

Note: Record dermal lymphatic invasion in Collaborative Staging

Rule H14 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

Rule H15 Code the histology with the numerically **higher ICD-O-3 code** when there are **two or more** specific **duct** carcinomas.

Note: Use Table 2 to identify duct carcinomas

Rule H16 Code **8522** (duct and lobular) when there is a combination of **lobular** (8520) **and duct** carcinoma (**Table 3**).

Note: Use Table 2 to identify duct carcinomas

Rule H17 Code **8523** (duct mixed with other types of carcinoma) when there is a combination of **duct and** any **other** carcinoma (**Table 3**).

Note 1: Use Table 2 to identify duct carcinomas

Note 2: Other carcinomas exclude lobular and any duct carcinoma listed on Table 1 or Table 2

Rule H18 Code **8524** (lobular mixed with other types of carcinoma) when the tumor is **lobular** (8520) **and** any **other carcinoma** (**Table 3**).

Note: Other carcinomas exclude lobular and any duct carcinoma listed on Table 1 or Table 2.

Rule H19 Code **8255** (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes) (**Table 3**) for multiple **histologies** that **do not include duct or lobular** (8520).

Note: Use Table 2 to identify duct carcinomas

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: Invasive Carcinoma Only.

Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

